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THEATRE ROYAL.

MRS JACKSON's NIGHT.

Mrs JACKSON presents her most humble respects to her Friends and the Public. She takes the liberty of informing them, that next Saturday is fixed for her Benefit, and begs leave to solicit the kind patronage on that occasion which they have been so often pleased to bestow on her.

Mrs JACKSON begs leave to add, that it has always been her warmest wish, and shall continue to be her most earnest endeavour, to merit their approbation and sanction in all the departments of her situation.

On SATURDAY Evening, April 29. will be performed, A Tragedy, *(acted here but once these four years)* called, The

REVENGE.

The Part of ZANGA by
By CAPTAIN JOHN WOOD,
Late of the 58th Regiment.

Don Carlos, Mr KEMBLE;
Don Alvarez, Mr W. WELLS.
Manuel, Mr BELL;
And Don Alonzo, Mr WOODS.
Isabella, Mrs WOODS;
And Leonora, Mrs JACKSON.

End of the Play, *(by particular desire,)*
Mr WILSON will, for the last time this season, speak the
FAVOURITE EPILOGUE,
RIDING ON AN ASS.
To which will be added, a Pantomime Entertainment, *(not acted here these two years)*, called,

ROBINSON CRUSOE;
OR,
HARLEQUIN FRIDAY.

Friday, (in the character of Harlequin) Mr J. BLAND;
Pantaloon, Mr CHARTERIS;
Pierrot, Mr MICHEL;
French Lover, Mr MAYSON;
And Clown, Mr O'REILLY.
Sea Officer, (with a sea song in character) by Mr BELL;
Cook, Mr BLAND, Jun.;—Invalid, Mr LE BRUN;
And Robinson Crusoe, Mr HALLION.
Principal Witch, Mr SPARKS;
Pantaloon's Wife, Mrs CHARTERIS;
And Columbine, Mrs O'REILLY.
Between the Acts, the EPILOGUE, by Miss O'REILLY,
Being the last time of her speaking it this season.
With the Original SAVAGE DANCE.
Tickets to be had, and places for the boxes taken, of Mr Gibb, at the Office of the Theatre.

MECHANIC EXHIBITION,

BRIDGE STREET.

THE Proprietor begs leave to inform the Public, that his Exhibition, consisting of Automaton Writer, Speaking Figure, of Fame, Speaking Doll, suspended by a silk thread, Mechanical Bird, and Model of Gibraltar, will finally close on Saturday the 29th instant, at three o'clock.

Just arrived from London,
At Mr CHARLES SMALL's Hair-dresser, First fore-stair below Bridge Street, High Street,

THE Curious and Philosophical Ladies and Gentlemen of this truly learned and respectable city, are respectfully informed, that they may now be entertained with the sight of that astonishing piece of Mechanism, the

SPEAKING FIGURE,

—" Which tho' inanimate, will hold discourse,
And with the powers of Reason seem inspired."

This agreeable artificial Lady is rather less than a child six weeks old, being only 22 inches in height, is suspended in the air by a ribband, and (if required) will be taken down and held in the hand.

ANSWERS ALL QUESTIONS

That the numerous visitors chuse to put to her, in the English, French, Spanish, German, or Dutch Languages, in so polite, correct, judicious, and perfect a manner, that all who have done her the honour of a visit say, That so young a mind, and so well informed, is rare indeed.—

IF DESIRED, SHE WILL
ASK THE QUESTION.

Any Lady or Gentleman may hold a conversation with the Figure in so low a whisper, that though the room be full of Company, none need be privy to their discourse.

Any of her former visitors will be admitted with company *gratis*.

The Marquis of Worcester, in the reign of King James, declared to Parliament the possibility of forming a figure similar to the above. But what the Lords and Parliament then believed impossible is here brought to full perfection, as may be seen and heard from ELEVEN in the forenoon, till NINE at night.

Sev'n Wonders once adorn'd Earth's circling ball,
Here view a wonder far surpassing all:
A Child of Art, nor yet one year of age,
Informs the curious, and confounds the Sage.

Admittance ONE SHILLING each person.

STOLEN OR STRAYED,

From Heatherwick Hill Park, in the county of East Lothian, on Sunday the 16th instant,

AN Uncommon tall HORSE, with three white feet and a white face. Had lately two rowels in both his hips and without any shoes.——Also, a GREY MARE, of a slender make, with an excrescence on her hip.

Whoever gives information of them to Alexander Fyfe, tenant in West Barns Links, two miles west of Dunbar, shall be handsomely rewarded, and all expences paid.—Whoever, after this information, keeps these horses, shall be prosecuted as the law directs.

ESTIMATES WANTED

For repairing and building Bridges in Fife.

TRADESMEN willing to contract to execute the work, are desired to lodge, with Robert Methven, writer in St Andrew's, on or before the 20th of May next, estimates of repairing the Shore Bridge of St Andrew's, and widening the parapet; and of repairing the Guard Bridge upon the river Eden, two miles north west of St Andrew's: Also, to give in estimates of building a new Bridge over Newhall Burn, four miles from St Andrew's on the road to Crail, the arch to be 15 by 12 feet; and of building a new Bridge over the Swilking Burn, immediately adjoining to St Andrew's, the arch to be 10 by 12 feet.

Those meaning to give in estimates, may apply for information to any gentleman in the neighbourhood of the Bridges, or to the said Robert Methven.

A Meeting of the Trustees for putting into execution the laws respecting the turnpike roads and Coldstream bridge, in the county of Berwick, is to be held at Greenlaw, in the house of Mrs Buchan vintner, upon Monday the 8th day of May next.

N. B. As there is business of importance to be laid before the meeting, it is expected the trustees will attend by ten o'clock.

To the press, and will be published in June next,
In Two Volumes Quarto,
Price ONE GUINEA in boards to Subscribers only,
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DEDICATION.

To the Right Hon. HENRY DUNDAS *of Melville, Treasurer of the Navy, and one of his Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, &c. &c. &c.*

THE language of a Dedication is the language merely of panegyric, and that it expresses rather what the writer of it wishes his patron to feel, than what he feels really himself. No protestations, perhaps, on my part will be sufficient to convince the world of the fallacy of this supposition in the present case, as, perhaps, no argument will convince them of its fallacy in general. I am happy, however, to feel within myself, those sentiments which assure me, that I am guided by the dictates of my heart.—And I am still more rejoiced, when I reflect, that such is your character, such the career you have run, such the brilliancy of your actions, such the splendour of your abilities, that adulation itself must lag behind truth, and flattery be dumb for want of expression.—To pronounce a lengthened panegyric upon such a man, even when that panegyric proceeds from the heart, were idle, nay were absurd. This would be to say what every body says; to tell what every body knows.—I come not forward as the herald to proclaim your fame.—Your country, Sir, is the guardian of your renown; and long will it preserve the precious deposit. Permit me only to join my voice to the voice of thousands, and to testify thus publicly my admiration of a character, which is beyond the reach of my praise.

The following work, Sir, I have presumed to inscribe to you. Whatever merit it may boast, or with whatever blemishes it may be deformed, the subject of it, at least, is of importance, and, indeed, of the highest utility.—To you, therefore, who are so skilled in the laws of this kingdom, who, in the utmost fervour of your political career, have never neglected any opportunity of improving the jurisprudence of your native country, who, in the storms of party and the violence of faction, have never lost sight of her interests—this work, designed to explain some parts of our law not very generally nor accurately understood, ought to be addressed above any other man in the nation—and to you, accordingly, it is consecrated.

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Sale of Cattle at Ford.

THAT upon Monday next the first of May, there will be sold by public roup, at the Distillery at Ford, ten miles south from Edinburgh, upon the Blackshiels road, Thirty-four CATTLE, mostly fat, in such lots as shall be agreeable to purchasers.

The roup to begin at eleven o'clock forenoon.

BOTANY.

ON Monday the 1st May, at eight o'clock in the morning, Dr HOPE will begin a COURSE of BOTANY in the Botanic Garden.

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Commissions from the country carefully answered.

Judicial Sale of Lands

In the Counties of Sutherland and Caithness.

TO be SOLD within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 5th day of July 1786, either together or separately, as purchasers shall incline,

The Lands and Estates of SKIBO and LANGWELL, belonging to WILLIAM GRAY of Herboreal, late Provost Marshal of Jamaica.

RENT OF SKIBO.				Sterling.
Money rent, -				L. 282 10 5 3-12ths
294 eggs, at 1 d. per dozen,	L.	0	2 0 6-12ths	
30 hens, at 3 d. each,		0	7 6	
13 chickens, at 1½d. each,		0	1 7 6-12ths	
2 stones tallow, at 8s. per stone,		0	16 0	
404 bolls 2 firlots and 3 lippies victual, at 10 s. per boll,		202	5 5 7-12ths	
				203 12 7 7-12ths
Amount of gross yearly rent,				L. 486 3 0 10-12ths
Deductions.				
For tithes, to which the proprietor has no right,	L.	85	14 0 6-12ths	
Pensions payable to the family of Sutherland,		5	11 1 4-12th	
Schoolmaster's salary		3	11 9 4-12ths	
				94 16 11 2-12ths
Free rent of the stock,				L. 391 6 1 8-12ths
The said free rent being valued by the Court at twenty-two years purchase, amounts to				L. 8608 15 0 8-12ths
Deduction for teinds as above,	L.	85	14 0 6-12ths	
Out of which to be deducted stipend payable to ministers,		34	1 9 1-12th	
Remains of free teind,		51	12 3 5-12ths	
This free teind is valued at five years purchase, and amounts to				258 1 5 1-12th
Total price set upon the lands and tithes,				L. 8866 16 5 9 12ths

Which will be the upset price of these lands, if sold separately.

RENT OF LANGWELL.				
Money rent, -				L. 223 13 0 8-12ths
12 halters at 3 d. each			0 3 0	
1 wintering,			0 1 1 4-12ths	
21½ wedders, at 5 s. each,			5 7 6	
40 lambs, at 2 s. each, -			4 0 0	
116 hens, at 3 d. each, -			1 9 0	
84 dozen eggs, at 1 d. 10-12ths per dozen,			0 12 10	
41 10-12ths feet peats, at 1 s. 8 d. per foot,			3 9 8 6-12ths	
31 bolls 1 firlot 3 pecks and 2 lippies victual, at 10 s. per boll,			15 14 8 3-12ths	
Schoolmaster's salary, payable by the tenant, - -			0 0 4 6-12ths	
Vicarage payable by ditto, -			1 3 7 4-12ths	
Amount of gross yearly rent,				L. 255 14 10 7-12ths
Deductions.				
For tithes to which the proprietor has no right,	L.	45	14 11 8-12ths	
Feu-duty,		2	15 6 8-12ths	
Schoolmaster's salary		0	11 11 2-12ths	
				49 2 5 6-12ths
Free rent of stock, -				L. 206 12 5 1-12th
The said free rent being valued by the Court at twenty-three years purchase, amounts to				L. 4752 5 8 11-12ths
Deductions for teind, as above,	L.	45	14 11 8-12ths	
Out of which to be deducted stipend payable to ministers,		13	3 11	
Remains of free teind	L.	32	11 0 8-12ths.	
This free teind is valued at five years purchase, and amounts to				162 15 3 4-12ths
Total price set upon the lands and tithes of Langwell,				L. 4915 1 0 3-12ths

Which will be the upset price of these lands, if sold separately.

But, if both estates are sold together, the upset-price o the whole will be - - L. 13,781 17 6

The estate of Skibo, as surveyed, contains 3946 acres 3 roods and 8 falls Scots measure, exclusive of three Highland shealings, or grazings, of good pasture, and a considerable extent of muir or heath pasture, partly commonty, partly exclusive property, which has not been surveyed, and stands valued in the cess books at 948l. 17s. 8d. Scots. The greatest part of the lands is erected into one entire free barony, called the *Barony of Skibo*. And there is payable out of the lands holden of the Crown feu-duty to the amount of £. 19s. 8d. But, as the proprietor has liberty to retain these feu-duties for repairing and preserving the Castle of Skibo there is no deduction made upon that account. The remainder of the estate, also the Ferry of Portmaculzie, or Meikle Ferry, is held of the Earl of Sutherland, for payment of 100 merks Scots of feu-duty yearly. The lands in general lie in a warm convenient situation to the north of and contiguous to the Frith of Tain or Dornock, and are very improveable at a small expence. There is plenty of free stone quarries in the lands, fit for building and making fences; and an inexhaustible quantity of sea shells fit for manure upon the shores adjacent to part of the lands.

There is a great deal of natural growing wood, consisting of birch, oak, and alder, which, for most part, would turn to good account, if inclosed and preserved. There are also a good deal of planted wood, consisting of Scots pines or firs, ash, oak, beech, elm, planes, roan, or mountain ash and some foreign firs, all in a thriving condition.

There is a good salmon fishing adjacent to part of the lands, and a small river runs into a bay from the frith, near the mansion-house, in which there is plenty of sea and river trout; also salmon and flounders in the usual seasons. The estate abounds with almost all kinds of game.

The gardens and mains, or farm of Skibo, formerly occupied by the Bishops of Caithness and Sutherland, and where they had their country seats, consisting of 319 acres 1 rood and 1 fall, exclusive of the belts of planting and other wood plantations, are mostly of a very rich deep soil. The gardens are of remarkable good lands, lie in a very warm situation hanging to the south, and are well stored with fruit trees of the best kinds. The farm is all inclosed, and mostly subdivided in small inclosures, surrounded with belts of planting, hedges, and hedge rows.

There is a convenient mansion house on the estate a large, pigeon house, and proper office houses. It lies about three miles from the town of Dornock, is pleasantly situated on a gentle ascent from the frith of Dornoch, and commands a most agreeable prospect of that frith and country adjacent; and there is a bay or outlet from the frith, which contributes much to the pleasure of the situation and prospect.

The situation of the lands of Langwell is remarkably beautiful, romantic, and convenient. They extend above seven miles along the sea-coast from the Ord of Caithness westward, and reach many miles from the sea up the country, along the banks of the waters of Langwell and Berrydale, which run through straths of the same names, and fall in together at Berrydale, not many hundred yards from the sea. The straths are equally beautiful and commodious, having hills on all sides covered with wood, and the vallies affording arable and natural hay, and good grass for milk cows. Beyond these there is a very extensive tract of muirish and hill grounds, which yield excellent pasture for yeld cattle, and which, though wide, are distinctly bounded. No estate can be better adapted for black cattle and sheep, as well on account of the shelter which the hills and woods afford, as the extent and quality of the pasture. The cattle feed on these grounds in all seasons of the year, without being hurt by the weather; whence they become so hardy, that no cattle from the Highlands of Scotland are more acceptable to drovers than those from this estate.

The mansion-house of Langwell is particularly well situated, at half a mile's distance from the sea, upon the declivity of a hill fronting the south, and almost surrounded by a bank ever green with wood. Nor is its situation more pleasing to the eye than it is commodious for [illegible] fish; and on every quarter the greatest plenty and variety of game, such as deer, roe, black cock, and all kinds of heath fowls.

There is a salmon-fishing on the water of Berrydale, which may be managed so as to yield a very considerable yearly revenue, being capable of improvement.

The woods presently upon the ground are mostly all of natural growth; but there is great room for planting, and stones in abundance for inclosing; and a little attention to the woods already upon the lands would make them of considerable benefit to the proprietor, as they are situated in a country where timber is very scarce. The whole lands (excepting the six-farthing land of Oldibae, holding of a subject superior for payment of a small feu-duty) are holden blench of the Crown, and entitle the proprietor to vote at the election of a member of Parliament for the shire.

The articles of roup to be seen in the hands of Alexander Stevenson, depute clerk of Session; and schemes of the rental and proven value to be had of John Russell, clerk to the signet, agent in the sale.

TOLLS TO BE LET.

TO be LET for one, two, or three years, by public roup, in the house of William Dearn, vintner in Falkirk, upon Thursday the 4th of May next, by twelve o'clock noon, in presence of a Committee of the Trustees of the Turnpike Roads of the Counties of Stirling and Linlithgow,

The TOLLS and DUTIES upliftable at the following Toll Bars, viz. Magdalane Toll Bar in the County of Linlithgow; and Torwood, Stirling, Broomrig, and Kilsyth Toll Bars in the County of Stirling.

The articles of roup to be seen in the hands of John M'Killop, Sheriff-clerk of Stirlingshire.

TOLLS TO LET.

TO be ROUPED within the Parliament House, on Saturday the 29th of April 1786,

The TOLL DUTIES collected at the Wright's-Houses and Nine-Mile-Burn Toll Bars, for one year from Whitsunday next. The articles of roup to be seen in the hands of George Zeigler at the Sheriff-clerk's Office, Edinburgh.

A Roup of Tolls.

AT a Meeting of the Trustees for the Roads in the County, to be held in the Inner Session House of Edinburgh, upon the 29th of April 1786, at twelve o'clock noon,

The TOLLS payable at the following Bars are to be SET by public roup, for one year—These at Tynecastle braehead and Tynecastle braefoot jointly, from the 14th of May next—West Calder, from the 26th; and these at Combfoot and Calgmill, from the 14th of August.

The articles of roup with George Zeigler, at the Sheriff Clerk's Office. No offer will be admitted without a cautioner.

By ARCHIBALD COCKBURN, *Esq; Advocate, his Majesty's Sheriff-depute of the Sheriffdom of Edinburgh.*

THE Commissioners of Supply of the

shire of Edinburgh, are, in obedience to an act passed this present session of Parliament, intituled, "An Act for "granting an aid to his Majesty, by a land-tax, to be raised "in Great Britain, for the service of the year 1786," desired to meet upon Saturday the 29th inst. at twelve o'clock midday, within the Inner Session-house, Edinburgh, in order to chuse their Clerk and Collector, and put the said act in execution.

N. B. The Trustees for putting into execution the Turnpike acts for the shire of Edinburgh, and Justices of Peace of said shire, at their Quarter Sessions, are to meet, the same time and place.

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE, *April* 22.

Dublin Caſtle, April 13. 1786.

HIS Majeſty, by his Royal letters, having appointed the Right Honourable Randal William Earl of Antrim to be of his Moſt Honourable Privy Council of this kingdom, his Lordſhip this day in Council took the uſual oaths, and his place at the Board accordingly.

War-Office, April 22. 1786.

3d Regiment of foot guards, Major-General Humphrey Stephens is appointed to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Sir George Oſborn. Colonel Guſtavus Guydickens to be Firſt Major, vice Humphrey Stephens. Colonel William Grinfield to be Second Major, vice Guſtavus Guydickens. Lieutenant-Colonel John Lord Kirkcudbright to be Captain of a company, vice William Grinfield. Captain George Duke of St Alban's to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice John Lord Kirkcudbright. Enſign William Lord Viſcount Wallingford to be Lieutenant, vice George Duke of St Alban's. George Clayton, Gent. to be Enſign, vice William Lord Viſcount Wallingford.

3d Regiment of foot, Lieutenant-General Thomas Hall to be Colonel, vice William Style.

71ſt Regiment of foot, late the 2d battalion of the 42d, Major-General Sir George Oſborn, of the 3d regiment of foot guards, to be Colonel.

LLOYD's LIST, *April* 21.

THE Maria Elizabeth, Briſſack, from ——— for Bourdeaux, with pipe ſtaves and timber, ran on ſhore about two miles north of Deal yeſterday morning, and it is feared is bulged.

The Ann, Rennie, after receiving damage on the bar of Charleſtown, ſprung a leak at ſea, which obliged the Captain and crew to run her on ſhore at Fyal to ſave their lives; a few caſks of indigo only was ſaved of the whole cargo.

Captain Wakefield, of the Laſcelles, arrived at Dartmouth from China, on the 29th ult. in lat. 26. 40. N. long. 42. 56. W. ſpoke the Speedy packet, Stampor, bound to New York, forty days out from Falmouth.

Captain Smith, of the Houghton, arrived at St Helena from China, ſpoke the Hydra, between the Cape and St Helena, all well, and by her information, the loſs of the Montague was occaſioned by the ſaltpetre having fired. The Hydra left Bengal the latter end of December.

The Montague, Brettel, was burnt in Bengal river.

The L'Bonni Reſolution, Lindiring, from Batavia to Amſterdam, ſaid to be loſt, was ſeen towing into the Scilly Iſlands.

The Hind, Brown, was well on the windward coaſt the 30th of December, and expected to ſail in ſix weeks.

FROM THE LONDON PAPERS, *April* 22.

Vienna, April 6. Our Court ſeems at preſent to be principally occupied in the election of a King of the Romans; but what ſeems moſt difficult to arrange is, the plan of the capitulation of the King to be elected, and to whom the Court of Vienna wiſhes to give a little more importance in the political eſtate of Europe than the Kings of the Romans have ever had before the ſucceſſion to the empire. The ſecond difficult point to be ſettled is, that of the creation of a new Elector. Two candidates preſent themſelves for that high dignity; the Prince of Wurtemberg, father to the Grand Ducheſs of Ruſſia, and future father-in-law to the King of the Romans (Prince Francis Archduke of Tuſcany) forms pretenſions which the Emperor cannot but favour; on the other hand, the Landgrave of Heſſe Caſſel alſo puts in his pretenſions, and will be ſupported by the King of Pruſſia with all his power; but our politicians pretend that the Emperor and the King of Pruſſia are agreed in this important matter, and that the Pruſſian Miniſter has delivered a conciliatory plan to the Emperor from the King his maſter, to be re-eſtabliſhed between the two monarchs, from which good underſtanding projects are ſaid to be in agitation thar will ſurpriſe Europe. Theſe are the reports at Vienna.

Milan, March 20. His Royal Highneſs tho Duke of Glouceſter continues here ſtill, nor are there any preparations making for his quitting this capital; his Royal Highneſs has been indiſpoſed for ſome days, but is perfectly recovered.

LONDON, *April* 22.

The Prince of Wales has wiſely determined to diſpoſe of his race-horſes. The knowing-ones were aſtoniſhed at the philoſophic coolneſs with which his Royal Highneſs pocketted his winnings, and left the courſe.

It is ſaid, one of the princes will be permitted to pay a viſit to Ireland, in the courſe of the enſuing ſummer.

It is thought the Parliament will be prorogued in the beginning of June, as the buſineſs intended to be brought forward this ſeſſion will be diſpatched about that time.

Lord Cornwallis has already ſet an example of diſintereſtedneſs unprecedented in the annals of the India-houſe, by refuſing to take with him a beggarly ſet of voracious cormorants, who have no views but to prey upon the Company and the natives of India. This nobleman commences his office like an honeſt man, and we have no doubt, whenever he returns, but he will be able to ſay, *My hands are pure.* Yet what ſtrange language that will be for a Governor-General!

By conſolidating the governments of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunſwick, a very conſiderable ſaving will be made to this country, not only in the chief, but in the multitude of ſubordinate appointments.

One of the regiments of guards, Prince Frederick's, this year change their clothing from ſcarlet to blue.

The propoſed regulation in reſpect to the diſpoſal of the veſſels taken from the ſmugglers, ſhould and will take place; they will be ſold to fiſhermen on ſuch terms as to be equivalent to a premium.

Another bounty, lucrative to the fiſheries, and not at all burthenſome to the public, or to any private individuals, may be directly made, by exempting all perſons concerned in the care of fiſhing veſſels, from paying any thing to the poor rates.

As the civil liſt ſo frequently runs in arrears, perhaps it would be no bad ſcheme in the Miniſter to levy a tax of 4 s. in the pound upon penſions, or at leaſt to raiſe it to the ſame rate as the land tax. The penſioner is neither burdened with pariſh rates nor tithes, nor is he ſubject to loſſes from bad crops nor bad tenants, nor to expences for repairs of farm houſes. Add to this, that a penſion being merely an eleemoſynary gift, coſts the man who holds it nothing, except, perhaps, now and then a little of what Butler calls "tear and wear of conſcience." At the rate propoſed, a ſum of 366,400 l. might be raiſed annually, which would be ſufficient not only to anſwer the deficiencies of the civil liſt, but leave a ſurplus for the maintenance of ſome, if not all of the branches of the royal family; nor could thoſe from whom it was levied have the leaſt reaſon to complain, as they would ſtill be much leſs burdened than a landholder of equal income, who has purchaſed his eſtate with his money.

The Lords of the Treaſury have appointed Thomas Irving, Eſq; to be Inſpector General of the Imports and Exports of Great Britain, in the room of John Pelham, Eſq; deceaſed; and the office of Aſſiſtant Inſpector General, lately held by Mr Irving, is aboliſhed, the principal being now required to execute the duty.

By the abolition of the place of Aſſiſtant Inſpector General, government have made a conſiderable ſaving to the public.

The different turnpike truſts in the kingdom are computed at or about fifteen hundred in number, and on which government have it in idea to lay a tax on ſome future day. Theſe truſts are ſuppoſed to receive one with the other one pound fifteen ſhillings a-day, the whole amount of which in one year is nine hundred and fifty-eight thouſand one hundred and twenty-one pounds; a tax on which, at *five per cent. only*, would produce to government the ſum of forty-ſeven thouſand nine hundred and ſix pounds five ſhillings. Such a tax would not be felt either by the community or individual, while it would add ſo conſiderable to the public revenue.

The appointment of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in Scotland, which has been for ſome time vacant, is likely to be productive of diſunion among the leading men of the Scottiſh Adminiſtration.—Mr Dundas has recommended Mr Hepburn, his relation; the Duke of Hamilton ſtrenuouſly inſiſts on his friend Mr Cochran; while the Marquis of Graham urges, with equal obſtinacy, the appointment of Mr Graham of Fintray. To reconcile ſo many powerful claims, and to ſatisfy all parties, overtures were made to the two eldeſt Commiſſioners to reſign, which they have peremptorily refuſed, ſaying, tho' they have not many years to live, yet they hoped at leaſt to outlive the preſent Adminiſtration. *Eng. Chron.*

Some lime-burners, not long ſince, in a pit about a quarter of a mile from Bath, found the back bones of a whale, every joint complete, and twenty-four feet in length; and, within a few weeks after, the ſkull of an animal, about the ſize of a large calf's head, was dug up near Bath, ſo unlike the ſkull of any known quadruped or marine animal, that no one can even gueſs to what claſs it belongs, nor is it like the head of any animal preſerved in Sir Aſhton Lever's Muſeum.

A letter from Hereford, dated April 20. informs us, that the weſt tower of the Cathedral of that city, together with part of the body of the church, fell down, between ſix and ſeven o'clock, laſt Monday evening. This accident will be much regretted by every admirer of ancient architecture, as the tower, in the opinion of the beſt judges, was not inferior, in beauty and magnificence, to any ſtructure of the kind in England. It was erected in the 12th century, by Giles de Bruce, then Biſhop of Hereford, and was in height 125 feet. Though the fineneſs of the day had drawn vaſt numbers of people to the church-yard, which is a favourite *promenade*, no perſon received the leaſt hurt; nor was any building near it injured, except the muſic-room, which ſuffered conſiderably.

The moſt authentic letters, brought by the mail that arrived yeſterday from Holland, inform us, that the health of the Pruſſian monarch is ſo far improved, that he rides out every morning.

Dr Bailie, principal phyſician to the King of Pruſſia, (mentioned in our laſt) about twenty years ſince, was invited by the Nobility of Saxony to inoculate ſeveral of their children, and acquired ſo much reputation at Dreſden, that he was ſent for to Berlin by the King's order, and ſoon became not only the favourite medical practitioner with that monarch, but negociated ſeveral political tranſactions with ſo much ſucceſs, that Frederick the Great made him a Counſellor of State, and ſettled on him a noble penſion. It ought not to be omitted, that Dr Baillie, during his reſidence in Germany, upon every occaſion, ſhewed the ſtrongeſt marks of attention to ſuch of his countrymen as viſited that country, and has greatly contributed to the amity which at preſent ſubſiſts between the Courts of London and Berlin.

De la Motte, who is ſaid to have been concerned in the myſterious buſineſs of the French Queen's *necklace*, and is reported to have been apprehended at Conſtantinople, is brother to the De la Motte, who ſuffered at Tyburn ſome few years ago as a ſpy.

The attention of the Pariſians is now entirely engroſſed by a very ſtrange law-ſuit, now pending before the tribunal of the Chatelet. The cauſe of action is a *man* and *no man*. A rich inhabitant of Lyons having got his own maid with child, looked for a huſband for her. He found one, and agreed to ſettle ſo much on the head of this and other children ſhe might chance to have ſucceſſively, upon proviſo that the *donor* ſhould be admitted to a partnerſhip *in the buſineſs*—agreed—Three or four brats ſucceeded each other, and the gentleman was as good as his word in providing handſomely for them all; at laſt the huſband, who pleading reaſons of honour and delicacy, had, on the very firſt night, declared to his wife, that he would never ſhare with her in the bed of proſtitution, fell ill about the beginning of March laſt; the diſorder proved mortal; and at that awful inſtant, when the difference of ranks, as well as of ſexes, can no longer be kept a ſecret, the ſuppoſed huſband was diſcovered to be a *female one.* The relations of the wealthy man, who is alſo lately dead, have begun the action, that all the gifts ſettled by him on the children may be ſet aſide. The iſſue of this whimſical law affair is expected with great anxiety, but certainly by none more ſo than the *widow'd bride*, who, if it is decided in favour of the plaintiff, will find herſelf and children totally deſtitute.

Copy of a letter from Mr WILLIAM ROE, *at Farnſfield near Nottingham, to the Right Hon. Lord* GEORGE GORDON:

"MY LORD,

"The Society at Calverton, which your Lordſhip was pleaſed ſome time ſince to honour with your notice, has ordered me to acquaint your Lordſhip that the two juſtices of peace, Meſſrs. Sedley and Charlton, have ſeized Thomas Buſh and Elizabeth Buſh his wife, and committed them both to jail on Tueſday, where they are likely to remain all their lives. I am further to inform your Lordſhip, that the pariſh officers have commenced a proſecution in the Spiritual Court againſt the ſaid E. Buſh and her ſiſter Iſabel Roe, the wife of John Roe; and that a few weeks ago the miniſter of the pariſh of Calverton, Mr James Bingham, excommunicated them both at the pariſh church. We hear that in a few days they are to ſeize Iſabel Roe, and put her in priſon alſo; and my brother ſays he expects to be committed every day, and all amongſt us who have married agreeable to our own ceremonies are likely to undergo the ſame fate, unleſs it ſhall pleaſe God to deliver us out of their hands; and as he has again, we truſt, directed us to apply to your Lordſhip, we have hopes that our earneſt prayers to be delivered from our oppreſſors will be heard; and when we conſider your Lordſhip's good will and readineſs to give us all the aſſiſtance in your power, we flatter ourſelves that that very deſirable period is at no very great diſtance. We therefore moſt humbly beſeech your Lordſhip to draw up a petition, and ſend it us down, and we will ſign our names to it, and ſend it back to your Lordſhip, in order that your Lordſhip may diſpoſe of it in any way that may ſeem moſt eligible. We earneſtly deſire your Lordſhip to direct us how we ſhall proceed, and you will thereby, if poſſible, more firmly unite the hearts of our whole ſociety to your Lordſhip, inducing each one amongſt us, by the irreſiſtible force of love and gratitude, to pray for your Lordſhip's happineſs, proſperity, and welfare in this world, and in the world to come life everlaſting.

By order of the Society,
Your Lordſhip's
Moſt Humble Servant,
WILLIAM ROE."

Fransfield, March 22, 1786.

On Tueſday, previous to the morning of execution, Major Arabin called on Burdett, in Newgate, and aſked if he knew any thing of the robbery of his houſe, and taking away a conſiderable quantity of plate, which was anſwered in the affirmative. The Major then deſired to know if he had any accomplices, and if they were at large? to which Burdett replied, "You, Major, I ſuppoſe, call yourſelf a man of honour!"—"Yes."—"So do I."—"Have you any hopes of pardon?"—"No; nor would I make the deſired diſcovery to procure it, and my immediate enlargement. I have long (continued B.) been a bad wicked man. I deſerve the puniſhment I am going to ſuffer, and am perfectly reſigned."

Mademoiſelle du Thé has ſold her houſe at Paſſi. She is no longer able to ſupport the elegance of ſtyle to which ſhe has been ſo long accuſtomed. Her charms being ſuperannuated, her admirers have withdrawn their allegiance, and left her court a deſert. *Sublata cauſa, tollitur effectus.* This courteſan, ſo famed in the modern annals of gallantry, is come to London, never more to ſee her native land. When the debts of this antiquated queen are paid off, her income will ſcarcely amount to 15,000 livres per annum. Whereas, if her economy had equalled her adroitneſs in making conqueſts, her ſpoils would now exceed 150,000 a-year.

Extract of a letter from Fort St George, dated Nov. 16, 1785.

"An expedition is actually agreed upon, at the ſolicitation of the Nabob, to proceed againſt the Polygars of the Tinnevelly country, under the command of Sir Henry Coſby; a buſineſs, againſt which the general voice ſeems to be ſtrongly prejudiced, and indeed ſo it is with thoſe of the beſt people about the Durbar, though they muſt acquieſce. Nor does it meet with the full concurrence of the conductor of the expedition himſelf, and he will doubtleſs uſe thoſe endeavours which his prudent attention to the public welfare and to his own character requires, as far as his orders and his ſituation will permit him, to avoid extremities; but the taſk may be difficult. The oſtenſible cauſe of the quarrel is, that the Nabob demands higher tributes than theſe Chiefs, by their *cowles* with the Company's repreſentatives, had agreed to pay; and which they, or at leaſt the greater number—moſt probably the whole (which exceed thirty in number, and ſome of them poſſeſſed of a large force and very ſtrong holds) refuſe to comply with."

LEGAL INFORMATION.

As the deciſion upon the appeal of Hill and Buchanan, which was determined in the Houſe of Lords on Thurſday laſt, is of importance to the mercantile world, we ſhall lay a ſhort ſtate of the caſe before the public.

Hill, truſtees to Wilſon and Brown, appellants.

G. and J. Buchanan, of Glaſgow, reſpondents.

Reſpondents imported thirty hogſheads of tobacco at Greenock, and depoſited them under the King's lock, 5th March, 1783.

Same day reſpondents offered the whole cargo to Wilſon and Brown, *upon bills* at ſix and ſeven months, who accepted the offer. In the afternoon of ſame day, reſpondents delivered to vendees, W. and B. a ſample of twenty-nine hogſheads, which the appellant inſiſted was a completion of the tranſaction. But no bills were given as ſtipulated in the agreement. Wilſon and Brown, on the 7th of March, applied for delivery of eight of theſe hogſheads to be ſhipped for Liverpool, to be delivered to their order, and Buchanan paid up the bonded duty.

On the 13th of March the ſufferance was granted. On the morning, Buchanan being informed of the inſolvency, (which his counſel inſiſted was known to ſeveral perſons ſo early as the 7th or 8th of March) went and demanded back the letters of ſale, which Brown readily returned, and promiſed to return the ſamples. In the afternoon, Buchanan applied for the bills of lading of the eight hogſheads, which were likewiſe delivered. Appellant Hill was elected truſtee to the bankrupt, and brought his action againſt Buchanan for payment of 4780 l. the whole value, and 1000 l. damages. The Court of Seſſion in Scotland determined in favour of the reſpondents. Theſe are the intereſting outlines of the caſe as it appeared at the bar of the Houſe of Lords.

The counſel for the appellants inſiſted, that the transfer was complete and effectual; that it was regularly underſtood ſo by the delivery of the ſamples, and that this ſymbolical mode is warranted by the law of Scotland and England, for which they quoted a variety of caſes. That the delivery of the eight hogſheads was a ſtriking proof of the fact. That the reſpondents obtaining back the letters of agreement and bills of lading, was an act of extortion, and conſequently fraudulent. That, at all events, the eight hogſheads actually delivered ought to be conſidered the property of the creditors.

The reſpondents counſel argued, that the contract was not complete at the moment of the bankruptcy, the bills ſtipulated for the price not being delivered. They contended, that the ſymbolical delivery by ſamples was unknown in law and practice. Beſides which, the whole tranſaction is void on the preſumption of fraud, the bankrupts well knowing they had neither purpoſe or ability to pay the price.

Upon a hearing of two days, the Chancellor (after declaring that the caſe lay in a nutſhell) was clearly of opinion, that the ſale and delivery was effectual and valid. But as no colluſion had been proved between the bankrupts and the reſpondents with reſpect to the re-delivery and the cancelling of the agreement, the bankrupts had relinquiſhed their intereſt, and the creditors ſhould be bound by it, unleſs fraud could be proved in the tranſaction. This not having been done, the order of the Court of Seſſion was affirmed, and the tobacco, together with coſts, were decreed to the reſpondents, G. and J. Buchanan.

Anecdote of Marechal VILLARS.—It is well known that the Marechal valued himſelf upon his diſintereſtedneſs, the ſtrict diſcipline he maintained in the army, and the ſevere juſtice exerciſed on delinquents of all kinds. Talking on this ſubject one day in a circle in Paris, he told the company, that in one of his campaigns in Germany, great complaints were made againſt the Commiſſary of ſtores for frauds of various kinds, which were clearly proved. I ſent for the fellow, ſaid the Marechal, and after reproaching him with his guilt, declared I would hang him up as an object of terror to others; on which he had the impudence to tell me that he was worth 100,000 louis d'ors, and that I could produce no precedent of a man worth ſuch a ſum being hanged. The Marechal here ſtopped, and the company crying out, Well, what did you to the man?—I do not know how it was, replied the Marechal, but the villain was not hanged.

PRICE OF STOCKS, APRIL 22.

Bank Stock, 137.	3 per cent. Old. Ann. —
5 per cent. Ann. 105⅞ a 106¼ a 105⅛.	Ditto New Ann. —
4 per cent. Ann. 1777, 87⅞ a ¾.	Ditto 1751, —
3 per cent. con. 69⅜ a ½.	India Stock, ſhut.
3 per cent. red. 68¼ a ½.	3 per cent. Ann. —
3 per cent. 1726, ſhut.	India Bonds paid, —
Long Ann. 20¼ a 13-16ths.	Ditto unpaid, 47 a 48 prem.
Ditto 1778, 13¼ a 9-16ths.	Navy Bills, —
South Sea Stock, —	Exch. Bills, —

WIND AT DEAL, APRIL 20. E.

EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, April 22.

"The Miniſter, who certainly has every merit that induſtry can poſſibly lay claim to, is ſaid to be employing himſelf, theſe holidays, in preparing for opening the budget; after which, there is no doubt but that he means to get through the ſeſſion with all poſſible diſpatch.

"It was this morning confidently reported, that the King of Pruſſia was actually dead; but the fact was by no means thought to be ſufficiently authenticated.

"A certain great oriental character is paſſing the holidays with a certain law Lord; but, if reports are to be credited, not ſo much on *pleaſure* as on *buſineſs*.

"Nothing new has tranſpired reſpecting the much-talked-of treaty with Ruſſia; and, indeed, it ſeems not any more than that *to be* negociated with the Court of France, to be anywiſe approximating towards a concluſion."

On Monday laſt, was married at Scotſtoun, Robert Haldane, Eſq; of Aithrey, to Miſs Catharine Cochrane Oſwald, ſecond daughter of George Oſwald, Eſq; of Scotſtoun.

On Monday laſt, died here, Houſton Stewart Nicolſon, Eſq; of Carnock.

Monday Thomas Steuart, Eſq; Secretary of the Bank of Scotland, was, by the Directors, appointed Treaſurer of the Bank, in the place of James Spence, Eſq; the former Treaſurer, who, after a long and faithful diſcharge of the duties of that office, choſe to retire, on account of his age and bad ſtate of health. And yeſterday, James Fraſer, Eſq; formerly the Aſſiſtant Secretary, was appointed Secretary, in the place of Mr Steuart.

Every advance in the manufactures of this country muſt yield pleaſure to every perſon who rejoices in proportion as the means of ſubſiſtence for the poor and laborious are encreaſed. The benefits that muſt reſult to this country from the cotton manufactures, if properly purſued, are obvious; and we are happy in informing our readers, that the cotton mill at Lanark, which we believe is the largeſt in Britain, has lately begun ſpinning, and the yarn is of ſuch a quality as to promiſe that the undertaking will fully anſwer the expectations of the proprietors.

The caſe of the Dean and Faculty of Advocates, Clerks to his Majeſty's Signet, and other members of the College of Juſtice, againſt the Magiſtrates and the Town Council of Edinburgh, is juſt print-

ed. It begins with obſerving, " that the members of the College of Juſtice have always been accounted a body diſtinct from the other inhabitants of Edinburgh, and not ſubject to the juriſdiction of the Magiſtrates or corporation, nor liable in borough ſervices," &c.

By the 19th article of the Treaty of Union it was agreed and declared, " That the Court of Seſſion, or College of Juſtice ſhall, after the Union, and notwithſtanding thereof, remain in all time coming within Scotland as it is now conſtituted, and with the ſame authority and privileges as before the Union."

That the bill brought into Parliament by the Corporation, without ſtating upon what ground the claim reſts, without repealing the laws upon which, with immemorial uſage, it is known to reſt, ſtiles the privilege *ſuppoſed*, and in effect aboliſhes it..

If the College had ſuch a privilege at the time of the Union, it is ſaved to them by that ſacred treaty, which Parliament never will infringe, in a caſe where the general ſafety and good of the empire is not concerned.

The members are aware that the city is to maintain they had no ſuch privilege; for though claimed and aſſerted, it was founded in uſurpation. But the city ought to try the point fairly and regularly, and not attempt thus to make the legiſlature trench upon that judicial authority which the conſtitution has placed in other hands. It is a queſtion of *law*, and if the right is determined by the courts of law to be with the College, Parliament, it is preſumed, will not diſturb what the Treaty of Union declared ſhould remain in all time thereafter. The corporation of the city of Edinburgh, if ſo adviſed, may diſpute the right, but it is humbly ſubmitted that Parliament is not the place for ſuch a diſcuſſion.

Here the members of the College imagine they might reſt their cauſe; but unwilling it ſhould be thought for a moment that they are ſheltering themſelves under a *ſuppoſed* or uſurped privilege, they intreat indulgence while they ſhortly ſtate ſome of the authorities.

By the 68th act, Parl. 5th, James V. " The Lords of Seſſion, or Senators of the College of Juſtice, were declared exempted from all paying of taxes, contributions, and other extraordinary charges, in all time coming, and from bearing any office or charge within burgh." It appears that ſoon after theſe privileges were extended to all the other members of the College, by " An act of the Privy Council."

The Caſe then goes on, and ſtates the acts 1592, 1597, 1661, and 1687, by which the privileges of the College of Juſtice are maintained, and concludes with the two following paragraphs:

The members have, on all occaſions, liberally, though voluntarily, contributed towards the relief of the city poor; but they cannot ſubmit to have their undoubted privileges treated as *ſuppoſed* or *imaginary*, and one of them aboliſhed in this manner, when protected by the moſt ſolemn treaty that ever paſſed between two nations; a treaty, in the ſtrict obſervance of which, every individual of both countries is deeply intereſted. They are the more anxious to bring the caſe in its proper colours under the eye of Parliament; becauſe they know, and indeed it is avowed by the city, that all their privileges are to be called in queſtion, if this attempt ſucceeds. The poor's money is ſingled out, becauſe an oppoſition to it may be deemed unfavourable; but as the city has not followed the proper courſe before reſorting to Parliament, the members of the College truſt to the love of order, as well as to the juſtice of Parliament, that the bill *as to them*, will be thrown out.

If, contrary to all expectation, it ſhould be otherwiſe, they will then, *as inhabitants of Edinburgh*, ſtate to the Houſe, and its committee, reaſons and facts, which induce them to believe, that there is no neceſſity for the act now prayed for—that the relief of the poor in Scotland generally is provided for by ſubſiſting laws—and *that the funds in the hands of the Corporation of Edinburgh are amply ſufficient for the poor of that city in particular.*

We mentioned in a former paper, that a complaint having been made by ſeveral ſhipmaſters to the Chamber of Commerce here, of the light on the Iſle of May being improperly kept, the Chamber took the ſame under their conſideration, and appointed a Committee of their number to viſit the iſland, and report. The Committee having ſignified their intention to the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, they have ſent a very polite letter to the Secretary of the Chamber, offering the gentlemen of the Committee the uſe of their cutter to carry them to the iſland. Captain Ogilvie, we hear, and the Committee, will in conſequence ſet off on Friday morning next, accompanied by the truſtees of Miſs Scott, the proprietor of the iſland, who, we are happy to hear, have agreed to make any improvements in the lights that the Committee ſhall think neceſſary.

Yeſterday a Daniſh captain, walking on the pier of Leith, got his pocket picked of his pocket-book, containing, among other articles, ſix twenty ſhilling Copenhagen notes. The pocket-book has ſince been found, but the notes were abſtracted.

A letter from Williamſburgh, Virginia, dated January 13. 1786, mentions, that their aſſembly had been ſitting ever ſince October, and had agreed to pay the debts due to Britiſh ſubjects, but expreſsly on condition that reſtoration is firſt made of the ſlaves taken from them during the war, and the forts in the weſtern counties ceded.—This is not doing juſtice to individuals in Britain, who have it not in their power to enforce theſe terms.

The 58th regiment, now on duty in the Caſtle, have received orders to hold themſelves in readineſs to march. The one half of them are deſtined for the Iſle of Man, and the other to Ireland. They are to be ſucceeded by the 58th regiment.

Extract of a letter from Dundee, April 24.

" The laſt diviſion of the 63d regiment marched from this to Glaſgow on Saturday laſt. The officers of that agreeable corps have formed a very reſpectable and valuable part of our ſociety for near twelve months paſt, and it is but juſtice to ſay, that in parting with them, (which we have done with infinite regret) we have ſuffered a ſingular loſs.—If propriety of conduct, ſuavity of manners, and behaviour of gentlemen, can attract the heart, and claim the ſocial affections, we cannot be blamed for this offering of an honeſt tribute due to the memory of real and experienced worth."

Extract of a letter from Aberdeen, April 24.

" On Thurſday laſt, the ſet of Iriſh vagrants, mentioned formerly, were, on their own petition, baniſhed this city and liberties during life, under the certification of being publicly whipped in caſe of their returning. They were conveyed out of town by the hangman. The activity of our police in detecting and ſecuring ſeveral gangs of vagabonds, and preventing them from exerciſing their depredations, reflects much honour on all concerned.

" On Saturday laſt, in the duſk of the evening, a woman was robbed, on the road to Greenburn, of her cloak, and four ſhillings and ſixpence in money. Strict ſearch is making for the robber, who is well known."

Extract of a letter from Glaſgow, April 24.

" On Tueſday evening laſt a ſharper was detected in a merchant's ſhop in the Trongate, aſking change for a five pound note. The ſuppoſed note being examined, was found to be a ſhop bill, dated *London, Oxford Street*, No 190. but executed ſo nicely, and at the ſame time bearing all the evident marks of a 5 l. note, that even the moſt expert, in the hurry of buſineſs, would have found themſelves ſadly miſtaken in the granting the ſharper's requeſt. Various are the methods taken to deceive the public, but this muſt be conſidered one of the firſt of its kind. There are ſtrong ſuſpicions that this ſharper, or his accomplices, have in their poſſeſſion many of theſe bills, in order to defraud the unwary.

" Thurſday afternoon, a young fellow picked a gentleman's pocket of his pocket book, in the Trongate, containing ſeven or eight notes. Some people obſerving him, he was immediately purſued down the New Wynd, but being ſo hard preſſed by his followers, he, Reynard-like, croſſed the Clyde, while his more cautious huntſmen took the Bridge. He then ran along the fields at the back of the Gorbals, and got as far as Rutherglen before he was hunted down.—He was brought to town and ſafely lodged in priſon.

" Thurſday and Saturday, two diviſions of the 27th regiment marched from this place for Ireland. The third will ſet out on Wedneſday morning.

" The firſt diviſion of the 63d, or Weſt Suffolk regiment, from Dundee, came to town this evening.

" The Ocean, Captain Kinnear, is put back to Cork, having loſt her main top, top-gallant-maſt, main-top and main-yard, with three of her men."

To the Printer of the Caledonian Mercury.

THE Edinburgh Poors Rate Bill, &c. now depending in the Houſe of Commons, beſides the oppoſition given to it by the Faculty of Advocates and Writers to the Signet, as well as the Heritors of the South Diſtricts, has been objected to from a quarter which the patroniſers of it leaſt expected. The removal of the Luckenbooths they looked upon as one of thoſe lures held out to the inhabitants, to make them ſubmit to a tax which, if paſſed into a law, they will never have occaſion to repent but once, and that will be ſo long as they or their poſterity exiſt. It muſt therefore have ſtaggered them a good deal when they found a juſt and ſpirited oppoſition given to that meaſure; and, as many other of the inhabitants are already, and may hereafter be, in ſimilar ſituations, you cannot do a greater ſervice to your fellow-citizens, than by inſerting in your extenſively uſeful paper, the following modeſt, though firm petition, which was preſented to the Houſe of Commons on the 12th of this month. I am, Sir, your's, &c.

A CITIZEN.

PETITION of John Ramſay, Eſq; an infant, by his guardians, Sir John Lindſay, Knight of the Order of the Bath, Alexander Murray, Eſq; of Henderland, one of the Senators of the College of Juſtice in Scotland; and alſo, of Janet and Katherine Ramſays, ſetting forth, That a bill hath been brought into the Houſe for raiſing a fund for ſupport of the poor of the city of Edinburgh, and other purpoſes, and for granting certain powers to the Magiſtrates of Edinburgh, for carrying the ſaid act into execution; and that, amongſt other things contained in the ſaid bill, it is enacted, That ſo ſoon as a new priſon, &c. ſhall be begun to be built, the Lord Provoſt and Magiſtrates ſhall have power to agree with the occupiers and owners of houſes ſituated upon the ſtreet, known by the name of the *Luckenbooths*, and to purchaſe the premiſſes, and order them to be pulled down; and, by an after clauſe, to which the attention of the Houſe is more particularly prayed, it is propoſed, that powers ſhall be given to certain perſons therein mentioned, to take from private parties, without their conſent, and againſt their will, and to diveſt them of their properties and eſtates, lying within the boundaries therein deſcribed, and to pay them only ſuch value for the ſame as ſhall be fixed thereon by a Jury, compoſed of perſons therein deſcribed, many of whom may themſelves be liable to pay ſuch value; and that the petitioner John Ramſay is proprietor of a ſhop in the ſaid ſtreet, called the *Luckenbooths*, which is at preſent, and for many years has been, let at 61 l. *per annum*, and is enjoyed in liferent by the other petitioners, Janet and Katherine Ramſay, and, if the ſaid bill ſhall be paſſed into a law, the above ſhop muſt, in proſecution thereof, be demoliſhed, and the proprietor and others having intereſt therein will thereby be obliged to yield up their property and intereſts on ſuch terms as the Lord Provoſt and Magiſtrates of Edinburgh ſhall propoſe, or to have it brought into conteſt before a Jury of citizens, perhaps bound in part to make good the price, and perhaps of builders to be benefited by the demolition, and to receive ſuch value as ſuch a Jury ſhall in their award dictate; and that the other petitioners, as guardians to the ſaid John Ramſay, conceive themſelves bound in duty, during his abſence and minority, to ſtate their reaſons why ſuch part of the ſaid bill, as may diveſt their ward of his property, without his or their conſent, ought not to be paſſed into an act. Mr Ramſay's property is at preſent ſubject to no attaint, liable to no challenge, nor called in queſtion by any ſuit, and the taking it from him without his or guardians conſent, impeaches, upon the firſt principles which regulate property, upon the power of holding or diſpoſing without controul, nor can it be juſtified by any form of proceeding, however apparently fair, nor by any principle of expedience, except what may be founded on public and abſolute neceſſity, and none ſuch takes place in the preſent caſe, nor is any ſuch ſtated as the principle of the bill: That the benefit of the citizens of Edinburgh, and the ornament of the city, may be laudable motives, but they are not ſo grounded in this inſtance on urgent neceſſity, as to juſtify a violation of property; and though it be propoſed that the value ſhould be ſettled by a Jury, the petitioners aver, that from what they have yet been able to learn of the proceedings of ſuch Juries, under the late act of Parliament reſpecting the new bridge in the city of Edinburgh, they do not hold themſelves at liberty to truſt their ward's property to ſuch deciſion; and that, oppoſing this part of the bill upon ſolid principles which the Houſe can never violate, and will never get over, but in caſes of moſt urgent neceſſity, the petitioners deem it unneceſſary farther to juſtify their oppoſition, or to profeſs their deſire, ſo far as conſiſtent with their duty, to promote every ſcheme which may tend to the benefit of the citizens of Edinburgh, or the ornament of the city; for theſe objects, great as they are, ought only to be aimed at with ſafety to individuals, and in conſiſtence with the rights of private property; and therefore praying, that the ſaid bill, ſo far as herein complained of, may not paſs into a law, or that the petitioners may be heard, by themſelves or counſel, againſt the ſame.

ARRIVED at GREENOCK, April 21. Jeanie, Davies, from Conway, with timber.—23. Jeanie, Taylor, from Virginia, with tobacco; Molly, Macdonald, from Campbeltown, with goods.

SAILED, 21. Jenny, Lamont, for Belfaſt, with goods; Prince of Wales cutter, on a cruiſe.—22. Helena, Crawford, for Virginia, with goods.

ARRIVED at LEITH,—April 25. Ingeberg Margaretta, Olſon, from Chriſtiana, with wood.—26. John and William, Brodie, from Anſtruther, with grain; Friendſhip, Milne, from Aberdeen, with goods and grain; Induſtrb, Izet, for Kincaple, with whiſky.

SAILED, Lady Hannah, Kerr, for London, with goods; Diligence, Butler, for ditto, with ditto; Mary Roſe, Bruce, for Macduff, with ditto.

THEATRE ROYAL.

MESS. LA-MASH and MICHEL beg leave reſpectfully to inform their Friends and the Public, that their Benefit is fixed for MONDAY next;—on which Evening will be preſented, A PRELUDE, entitled,

THE WIVES REVENG'D,

With New Muſic.—By Mr SCHETKY.

Afterwards will be performed,

THE FAIR AMERICAN.

Several Entertainments between the Acts, as will be expreſſed in future Bills, particularly,

Tom of Coventry's Peep into the New and Old Town of Edinburgh,

By Mr WILSON.

To which will be added, a New Proverbial Farce, called,

Set a Beggar on Horſe Back,

He will Ride to the ——.

La-Maſh and Michel anxious to provide the neweſt and moſt approved pieces for the entertainment of their Friends, have, at conſiderable expence, procured the manuſcript of the above moſt excellent Farce, which is now performing in London with the greateſt applauſe.

Forth and Clyde Navigation.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Company of Proprietors of the Forth and Clyde Navigation, is to be held in the Parliament Houſe, on Tueſday the 2d of May, at eleven o'clock forenoon.

A Sale of Teas, Spirits, Wines, &c.

AT JAMES MITCHELL's Ware-houſe, firſt above Forreſter's Wynd, Lawn Market, Edinburgh.

TEAS *per Lib.*	s.	d.	SPIRITS *per Gall.*	s.	d.
Beſt Shouſhong,	6	0	Beſt Jamaica double Rum	9	0
Good ditto,	5	6	Good ditto,	8	6
Beſt Congo,	5	0	Single ditto,	6	0
Good ditto,	4	0	French Brandy,	9	0
Beſt Bohea,	2	6	Good ditto,	8	0
Hyſon Green,	8	6	Ditto,	6	0
Singlo ditto,	5	0	Dutch Geneva,	6	6
			Good ditto,	5	6
Beſt Port and Sherry Wines, at 1 s. 6 d. per bottle.			Fine old proof Aquavitæ,	3	8
			Ditto,	3	6
			Ditto,	3	4

JAMES MITCHELL alſo ſells beſt Stearch Hair Powder, at 6 d. per lib. If taken in dozens, a deduction will be allowed.

SALE OF A SHOP.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, within John's Coffeehouſe Edinburgh, on Wedneſday the 21ſt day of June next, betwixt the hours of five and ſix afternoon,

A SHOP on the north ſide of the Lawn Market, nearly oppoſite to Turk's Cloſe, as preſently occupied by John Guilland tea and ſpirit dealer.

The title-deeds and articles of ſale will be ſhown by James Bremner writer in Edinburgh; to whom any perſon intending to purchaſe by private bargain may apply.

Watering Place, Goat Whey, &c.

Pannanich Lodge, on Dee-ſide.

MRS MITCHEL, at PANNANICH LODGE, begs leave to inform the Public, That although her huſband be dead, ſhe propoſes keeping houſe there as formerly; and Ladies and Gentlemen may be accommodated with lodgings and entertainment, as uſual.—As Mrs Mitchell has Goats, her lodgers can be accommodated with Goat-Whey, if they chuſe it.

Such perſons as incline to take rooms in the Lodge for the enſuing ſeaſon, will pleaſe write ſoon, to prevent diſappointments; and they will particularly ſpecify the time from which they take them.

Woods to be Sold.

THE Whole Natural Oak and other Wood, fit for cutting upon the eſtate of Arroquhar, in the county of Dumbarton.

Alſo a conſiderable quantity of Planted Timber Trees and Firs upon the ſame eſtate.

It is propoſed that the cutting of theſe Woods ſhall commence after next fall.

For particulars, apply at the houſe of Arroquhar.

FOR LONDON,

THE

Livingſton Stevenſon,

ALEX. GORDON Maſter,

Is now lying on the birth in Leith harbour, taking in goods, and will ſail 4th May 1786.

This veſſel was fitted up on purpoſe for the trade, and has neat accommodation for paſſengers.

The Maſter to be ſpoke with at the Exchange Coffeehouſe, 'change hours; or at Mrs Stevenſon's Queen's Street, Leith.

In the Preſs, and will be publiſhed in a few days,

THE

CITY OF EDINBURGH IMPROV'D,

In conſequence of erecting the South Bridge.

Illuſtrated by PLANS.

Dedicated to ROBERT DUNDAS, Eſq; jun. of Arniſton, His Majeſty's Solicitor General for Scotland.

By JAMES CRAIG, ARCHITECT.

" Auguſt, around, what public works I ſee!
" Lo! ſtately ſtreets, lo! ſquares that court the breeze;
" The temple breathing a religious awe;
" Even fram'd with elegance the plain retreat,
" The private dwelling."

THOMSON's *Proſpect of Great Britain*

To be ſold at the ſhops of William Creech, Charles Elliot, J. Sibbald, and James Dickſon, booksellers in Edinburgh.

A BUNDLE LOST.

THERE was LOST betwixt Edinburgh and Muſſelburgh, on Monday laſt, a BUNDLE directed to a lady in Haddington. It is hoped the perſon who has found the ſame will ſend it to the lady, who will readily pay any expence, and a genteel gratification.

A Schoolmaſter Wanted.

THE Office of a SCHOOLMASTER of the parish of Auchtermuchty being juſt now vacant, the Heritors wiſh to ſupply the ſame againſt the term of Whitſunday next. The perſon muſt be qualified to teach Engliſh, Writing, Arithmetic, Latin, and Church Muſic; and if he can alſo teach French and Book Keeping, it will be a further recommendation.

Beſides the ſalary and dues of the church the emoluments of the ſchool from the number of inhabitants and central ſituation of the place, will be conſiderable.

Candidates for this office are deſired to attend within the church of Auchtermuchty, upon Tueſday the 16th of May next, to undergo an examination, when the perſon whoſe character and abilities are moſt ſatisfactory to the Heritors, will be preferred.

For further particulars enquire at the Miniſter of the pariſh. Not to be repeated.

A COUNTRY HOUSE.

TO LET Furniſhed, and entered to at Whitſunday firſt, the Houſe, Office houſes, and Garden of REDHALL, with 50 acres of ground completely laid down. Redhall is three miles weſt from Edinburgh; is pleaſantly ſituated on the water of Leith; the garden and policy in the higheſt order. The ſervant at the houſe, will ſhow the houſe.

For further particulars, enquire of Captain Inglis the proprietor, at Auchindinny.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of JOHN KEILLAR, late corn and meal merchant at New Mill of Knap, now reſiding in Dundee,

UPON the application of the ſaid John Keillar, with conſent of a creditor to the extent required by law, Lord Alva, Ordinary, officiating on the bills, upon the 25th curt. ſequeſtrated the whole real and perſonal eſtate of the ſaid John Keillar, and appointed his Creditors to meet at Roſſie, and within the houſe of Mrs Biſſet inn-keeper there, upon the 6th May next, at twelve o'clock noon, to name an interim factor thereon; of all which this public notice is given, that the whole Creditors of the ſaid John Keillar may attend the ſaid meeting, time and place above mentioned, and bring with them their grounds of debt, and oaths of verity thereon, as the ſtaute directs.

NOTICE

To the Creditors of Meſſ BUCHANANS, HASTIE, and Co. merchants in Glaſgow, and of WALTER BROCKE and of JAMES JAMIESON, merchants there.

IN conſequence of a decreet of the Lords of Council and Seſſion, in the proceſs of multiple-poinding, brought at the inſtance of the truſtee, for ranking the creditors of Meſſ. Buchanans, Haſtie, and Company, merchants in Glaſgow, and of Meſſ. Walter Brocke and James Jamieſon, individual partners thereof, Gilbert Hamilton merchant in Glaſgow, the truſtee on theſe ſubjects, will be ready to divide the funds recovered to the ſaid creditors, on Thurſday the 5th July next, agreeable to a ranking of the creditors ſome time ago laid before them at their annual meeting, and indeed with the Court of Seſſion agreeable to the act of Parliament; a copy of which, together with the ſcheme of diviſon, now lies open at the truſtee's writing-room, Queen's-ſtreet, Glaſgow, for the inſpection of the creditors or their agents.

AT HAMBURGH,

The Brig POMONA,

Of Dyſart—(A New Ship)

JOHN SWAN Maſter,

Will take in goods on freight for Leith.

Any who want goods by ſaid veſſel, will pleaſe forward their orders to Hamburgh ſoon.

Not to be repeated.

AT BORROWSTOUNNESS—FOR LONDON,

THE MINERVA,

ROBERT GRINDLAY Maſter,

(A New Ship, built on purpoſe for the trade, and firſt voyage),

Is now taking in goods at Borrowſtounneſs, and will be ready to ſail the 29th current, wind and weather ſerving.

Good accommodation for paſſengers, and the beſt of uſage may be depended on.

For freight or paſſage, apply to Mr John Hutchiſon merchant Edinburgh, or the maſter at Borrowſtounneſs.

At LONDON FOR LEITH.

The MARY,

JOHN HAY Maſter.

LYING at Hawley's Wharf, taking in goods for Edinburgh and Leith, and all places adjacent. Will ſail 3d May 1786.

Letters on buſineſs directed to the Maſter, at the Edinburgh Coffeehouſe, No. 1. Sweeting's Alley, will be duly attended to.

Merchants and others who intend ordering goods by ſaid ſhip will loſe no opportunity.

FOR PHILADELPHIA,

THE SHIP

ALEXANDER,

ALEXANDER RITCHIE Maſter.

She is a good veſſel, ſails faſt, has a new Mediterranean paſs, and excellent accommodations for paſſengers; is now ready to take in goods at Greenock, and will be clear to ſail about the 30th of April.

For freight or paſſage, apply to Meſſ. Allan and Steuart, Edinburgh, Mr William Donald merchant, Glaſgow, or John Stuart, Greenock

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TO be SOLD by public roup, within Gibb's Coffeehouſe, Leith, on Tueſday the 9th May 1786, betwixt the hours of four and five afternoon,

That Sloop the Doctor,

preſently lying in the harbour of Leith, about 60 tons burthen, with her ſkiff-boat and apparelling.

Inventories of the veſſel, and articles of roup, are in the hands of John Peat writer in Edinburgh.

... public auction, for behoof of Creditors, ... Carrtton's new Warehouses, in the Timber ... at 11 o'clock forenoon, on Friday the 5th ... next,

33 Pieces Osnaburgs.
60 Dozen of Men and Women's Shoes, assorted for exportation.
A large parcel of Silk and Thread Gauze.
Spotted, Corded, Netted, Stripped and Spotted Lawns.
Stripped and Figured Aprons.
With several other articles in the Paisley way.
40 pieces of White Linen.
5 pieces Carpeting, and 15 Carpets.
56 cwt. Iron Hoops.
14 pieces of narrow Woolen Cloth.
434 pair of Dressing Irons.
5 barrels of Salt Beef, and
A quantity of Beer in bottles.

The goods to be put up in Lots, and may be seen three days before the sale from eleven to two o'clock, by calling at Mr Thomas Thomson's, merchant in Leith, who will attend at the Warehouses.

TO be SOLD by public auction, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 10th day of May next, betwixt the hours of six and seven afternoon, for behoof of creditors,

That DWELLING-HOUSE, Offices,

and two Flower-plots lying within Reid's Close, Canongate, which belonged to Gavin Kemp merchant in Leith, and are presently possessed by Captain Graham, at the yearly rent of 25 l. Sterling.

The Dwelling house consists of a parlour, dining-room, drawing-room, bed-rooms, nursery, store-room, kitchen, a cellar fitted up with catacombs, and a variety of closets.—And in the flower-plots there is a cellar, with racks for bottles, a gardemange, wash-house, &c.

The premisses are let for one year after Whitsunday next, at the former rent of 25 l. Sterling; and, for the encouragement of purchasers, will now be exposed at the reduced upset-price of 250 l. Sterling.

Thomas Adair clerk to the signet will inform as to further particulars, and shew the progress and articles of roup.

Houses, &c. in Leith for Sale.

TO be SOLD by private bargain, That large TENEMENT of Houses, Cellars, and Vaults, lying in St Andrew's Street, South Leith, presently possessed by Mr Duncan Robertson wine-merchant, and others.

The ground storey consists of two houses, having a shop in each of them; and in a court, entering through the middle of the tenement, there are two good dry-ware cellars, three large vaults, neatly fitted up with catacombs, a stable for three horses, and a number of small cellars.

The first storey consists of two good lodgings—one of them having a dining room, drawing room, three bed-rooms, with kitchen and closets.—The other, a dining room, three bed-rooms, with a kitchen, and garret room.

The garret storey consists of three dwelling houses, with sundry apartments.

Also to be Sold, A WRIGHT's SHOP and YARD, with several neat small dwelling houses, in a court lying at the back of the foresaid tenement, and entering by Liddel's Close, having a well of good water belonging thereto.

For particulars, apply to William Gillies brewer in Leith, who will shew the premisses.

TO BE LET,

In the immediate neighbourhood of the town of Hawick, Roxburghshire,

AN OIL LEATHER MILL, the stock

whereof is large enough to contain six score of skins; with a stove, two drying lofts over the mill, with a drying yard adjoining, a wash-house, paring and fryzing shop, and a pit-yard of five pits, that can contain 3200 pelts.

The premises are all contiguous, and belonging to them is a dwelling-house of three fire-rooms, kitchen, four closets, and two garrets, with a small garden.

They will be shown by Mr Robert Grieve, the present tenant; and, for further information, application may be made to Mr Ogilvie at Branxholm, near Hawick.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Tuesday, the 13th day of June 1786, between the hours of five and six afternoon,

Four Inclosures, consisting of about 26

acres, pleasantly situated on the banks of the Tweed, within a quarter of a mile of Kelso, the property of the deceased Dr Charles Jackson, of a rich well cultivated soil, commanding an agreeable view of the town, the abbey, the river, and the adjacent country.

Upon the premisses is a commodious house, barn, stable, and garden, in which there is a small hot-house, well stocked with grapes, peaches, &c. all in good order; and, from its vicinity to a good market town, and a desirable neighbourhood, is attended with numberless advantages for the residence of a small family.

Also may be had,

The remainder of the lease of a farm, containing 42 acres, about half a mile distant from the above, on the road to Berwick, all inclosed, and lately improved.

For particulars apply to Mr Thomas Potts writer in Kelso, or to Mr Stewart Moodie writer in Edinburgh.

SALE OF LANDS IN ATHOL.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Friday the 5th day of May 1786, between the hours of five and six in the afternoon,

The Lands of ORCHILL or URQUHILBEG, lying within the parish of Moulin; together with the Lands and Grazings of EDINTOWN, in Glengary, which belonged to the deceased Mr Daniel Macduff merchant in Dunkeld.

The Lands of Orchill are pleasantly situated on the north side of the river Garry, about seventeen miles from Dunkeld, and three miles from Blair, on the great road leading from Dunkeld to Blair. The grazings in Glengary are extensive, and fit for pasturing either black cattle or sheep.

There are no tacks upon any part of the premisses. The progress of writs may be seen in the hands of Alexander Nairne accomptant in Edinburgh, who is empowered to treat with any person inclined to purchase by private bargain, and will inform as to further particulars.

To be SOLD by Private Bargain,

THE Lands and Estate of MONTGOMERIESTON,

lying in the parish of Kirkmichael, and shire of Ayr, which are pleasantly situated upon the water of Doon, within four or five miles of the town of Ayr, to which there is an easy access by a turnpike road.

This estate is presently under lease to four substantial tenants, at the yearly rent of 336l. 8s. The legal deductions from which amount to 6l. 13s. 3½d.

There is plenty of marl in these grounds, and at present the appearance of a good limestone quarry. And as the tenants are by their leases under proper restrictions, with regard to the management of their farms, a considerable rise may be expected, upon the expiry of the current leases.

The teinds are valued by an old decreet of valuation, and almost exhausted by the stipend.

There is a remarkable thriving wood upon this estate, which produced at last cutting, which began about nine or ten years ago, about 1000 l. Sterling. The woods have since that time been properly fenced and attended to.

The estate holds of the Crown, and affords a freehold qualification in the county of Ayr.

Any person wishing to purchase, or to be informed of other particulars, may apply to the proprietor at Sundrum, near Ayr, or to Francis and John Andersons writers to the Signet, Edinburgh.

Perthshire Hunt.

THERE is to be a MEETING of the PERTHSHIRE HUNT held at Marshall's, at the King's Arms, Perth, on Saturday the 29th day of April current, at ten o'clock forenoon, when it is intreated the members will attend. And these who cannot be present will be pleased to empower some person to act for them.

N. B. A Subscription Paper for the Hunt is lying at the Sheriff-Clerk's Office, Perth, for receiving the Subscriptions of such Gentlemen in the county as have not already subscribed.

JUDICIAL SALE OF

Lands in the County of Argyle.

Upset Price Reduced.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Parliament or New Session House in Edinburgh; upon Thursday the 22d day of June 1786, betwixt the hours of five and seven in the afternoon, before the Lord Ordinary on the bills,

The following Subjects, belonging to NEIL M'KELLAR of Dail, viz.

LOT I. The Three Merk Land of STRONESKAR, including a small stripe of the farm of Glasvar, and for some time annexed to the farm of Stroneskar, as presently possessed by the said Neil M'Kellar, Donald M'Callum, Dugald Campbell of Kilmartin, and John M'Lauchlan of Achagarran. The free yearly rent of this lot is proved to be 136 l. 3 s. 7 d. 8-12ths, and the upset price, which is fixed at 21 years purchase of that rent, amounts to 2859 l. 16 s. 5 d. Sterling.

LOT II. The Four and One-half Merk Land of GLASVAR, as presently possessed by James Potter, and the right of Mid Superiority of the Five Merk Land of Barmulloch; the Twenty-six Shilling and Eight-penny Land of Letternamolt; the Three Merk Land of Succothmoden, and of the Shealing called Arilochshinnoch, in Benleave. The free yearly rent of this lot is proved to be 98 l. 14 s. 11 d. 4-12ths, and the upset price, which is fixed at 21 years purchase of that rent, amounts to 2073 l. 13 s. 10 d. Sterling.

The whole lands lie in the parish of Kilmichael in Glassry; hold of subject superiors, are commodiously situated in the division of Argyle, and are capable of great improvement. There is a small mansion-house, and an excellent steading of offices on the lands of Stroneskar.

The articles of roup are to be seen in the office of Mr John Callender depute-clerk of Session; and copies thereof, and of the schemes of the rental and value, are to be seen in the hands of Allan M'Dougall writer to the signet, agent in the sale, who will inform as to other particulars.

SALE of LANDS and FEU-DUTIES,

In the Counties of Edinburgh and Roxburgh.

TO BE SOLD,

THE LANDS and BARONY of NEWTON, lying in the parish of Bedrule.

This estate is pleasantly situated upon the banks of the river Teviot within a few miles of Jedburgh, Kelso, and Hawick, all good marke, towns. The great road from Berwick to Carlisle runs through it. The soil is remarkably good and very improveable; and there is limestone in the grounds, and plenty of marl in the neighbourhood.

This estate contains about 740 acres, Scotch measure; holds blench of the Crown; stands valued in the cess-books of the county at 853 l.; and there is upon it a great number of fine old trees of considerable value, some natural wood, delightful situations for a mansion-house, and good quarries at a very little distance.

The Lands of MUIRHOUSE-LAW, lying in the parish of Maxtown.

These lands, which contain upwards of 660 Scotch acres, hold feu of the Crown, and are valued in the cess-books of the county at 733 l. 6 s. 8 d.; are situated upon the great road from Edinburgh to Newcastle by Jedburgh, which runs along the west side of them; and are within a few miles of Jedburgh, Kelso, Hawick, and Melrose. They are very improveable, and in the neighbourhood of plenty of marl.

The Lands of HOISLAW-HILL, FALSIDE, and PLACE-GRADEN, lying in the parish of Linton.

This estate lies within a few miles of Kelso, upon the west side of the great road from Edinburgh to Newcastle by Kelso; contains 800 acres, Scotch measure or thereby; holds blench of the Marquis of Lothian; and is valued in the cess-books of the county at 586 l. 13 s. 4 d. The soil is good and very improveable, and there is plenty of coal and lime in the neighbourhood

The Lands of NETHER CHATTO and EDLESCLEUGH, lying in the parish of Hownam.

These lands contain 970 Scotch acres or thereby, all excellent sheep ground; hold blench of the Crown, and stand valued in the cess-books of the county at 1144 l. 12 s.

The Lands of LONGLEE and GILLIESTONGUES, lying within the parish of Jedburgh.

This farm holds feu of the family of Douglas, consists of about 400 acres Scotch measure; is situated upon the water of Jed, within two miles of Jedburgh; the great road from Edinburgh to Newcastle by Jedburgh runs through it; the soil is very good both for tillage and pasture; and there is upon it some fine old trees, and thriving natural wood of considerable value.

The Lands of LAVOROCKHALL or LARKHALL, lying in the immediate vicinage of Jedburgh; with sundry acres to a considerable extent in the fields of Jedburgh, all holding of the Marquis of Lothian.

N. B. The whole of the above lands lie in the county of Roxburgh.

AND

The SUPERIORITY of certain parts of the Lands of Pittendreich or Pendreich, lying in the parish of Lasswade and county of Edinburgh, with the Feu-duties payable furth thereof, amounting to 60 l. 1 s. 8 d. Sterling in money, 46 bolls of wheat, and 46 bolls of barley.

The progress of writs, plans, and measurements of the grounds, with the rentals, and current leases, are to be seen in the hands of Patrick Kerr writer to the signet, to whom application may be made for further information. The present tenants and baron officers will shew the grounds.

Lands, House, Garden, &c.

In Stirlingshire.

To be SOLD by Private Bargain,

THE Lands of WESTER LIVILANDS, MEADOW LANDS, CHAPELCROFT, and BIZETLAND, lying in the parish of St Ninian's, and shire of Stirling.

The lands consist of about seventy Scots acres, partly carse, and partly dryfield, all inclosed and subdivided, and of very fine soil. Livilands holds of the Crown, and is valued in the cess-books at above 200l. Scots. The other lands, which are of no great extent, hold of subjects superior, for payment of small feu-duties. The lands are at present all out of tack.

There is a very good mansion house on the premises, consisting of nine rooms and a kitchen, in good repair, with good offices and out houses, and a very good kitchen garden and orchard; there are also a considerable number of old trees and young planting on the lands.

The situation of the house is perhaps one of the pleasanteft and most beautiful in any country, commanding a view of the windings of the River Forth, from Stirling downwards for many miles, and of the rich and fertile country on both sides of the River. It is within a quarter of a mile of the village of St Ninian's, and little more than half a mile from the town of Stirling, where there is an excellent market; and the communication with Edinburgh is rendered very commodious, as there are stage coaches six days in the week, which arrive at Stirling and Edinburgh by three o'clock each day.

For further particulars apply to Alexander Abercrombie writer to the signet, or John M'Gibbon, town clerk of Stirling.

Andrew Downie at Livilands will shew the premises.

Grazings to Let, and Cattle for Sale in Ross-shire.

To be LET for one or more years, and entered to at Whitsunday next,

THE Whole FARMS and GRAZINGS, lying in the parish of Contin and shire of Ross, which belonged to, and were lately in the natural possession of the deceased Alexander Mackenzie, Esq; of Hiltown. The Grazings are of great extent, and well adapted for pasture to cattle of all kinds, having been long appropriated to that use by the late proprietor, with considerable advantage.

The servants at the different farms will show the grounds, and further particulars will be communicated by Mr Colin Mackenzie at Belnain, by Dingwall; with whom, or with Kenneth Mackenzie writer, Miln's Court, Edinburgh, proposals may be lodged by intending offerers, before the third of May next, upon which day the premises will be let, at the house of Hiltown, in whole or in parcels, to the highest bidder.

There will also be Sold by public roup at the place of Hiltown, upon Tuesday the 9th of May next,

The WHOLE STOCKING of CATTLE which belonged to the said Alexander Mackenzie, consisting of from two to three hundred Milk Cows and Droving Cattle, besides a great number of Horses, Sheep, Goats, &c. now pasturing upon the grazings, where the Cattle may be seen previous to the day of sale.

Sale of Lands in Dumfries-shire.

ADJOURNED

Adjourned at desire of persons intending to offer.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, within the Old Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Friday, 28th April 1786, between the hours of 5 and 6 afternoon,

The Lands of CRAIGIEBURN, with the Multures and Pertinents, lying within the parish of Moffat and sheriffdom of Dumfries. These lands hold of the Crown; the yearly rent, after payment of the stipend, is 74 l. 15 s. 8 d. and part of them is subset by the present tenant at an advanced rent of 15 l. The teinds are valued.

The situation of these lands is remarkably beautiful, within two miles of Moffat. There is easy access to the adjoining country and market-towns, by very good roads. The lands are extensive, and well known to be the best pasture and arable grounds in that country; are completely inclosed and subdivided with sufficient stone dykes; have good farm-houses, and plenty of fuel. The mansion-house lies in a most romantic situation, and adjacent to it there is a quantity of valuable full-grown wood, estimated at 120 l. The natural woods are of very great extent, stretching about two miles alongst the water of Moffat. Above ten years ago, they were sold for 1300 l. Sterling, have since been inclosed mostly with a stone dyke, and the vacancies planted with many thousands of young trees at a great expence. The young wood is far advanced, and has a most beautiful and flourishing appearance. There is an inexhaustible growth of thr finest hazel and other underwood, fit for hoops, &c. for which there is a constant demand. Before the wood was cut, the yearly produce was betwixt 30 l. and 40 l.; but, as it is now inclosed, and properly taken care of, much more may be expected. Competent judges are of opinion, that in the space of a few years the woods will be more valuable than the lands.

For the encouragement of offerers, the upset-price will be only 2200 l. and great part of the price will be allowed to remain in the purcaser's hands.

Any person wishing to purchase privately may apply to John Tait junior, writer to the signet, who has power to treat, will shew the title-deeds and current leases, and inform concerning other particulars. The wood forester will shew the lands and woods.

Sale of Lands in Annandale.

To be SOLD by privat bargain

THE Lands of SELCOTH and FOWLSHAWS, lying the parish of Moffat, stewartry of Annandale, and sheriffdom of Dumfries.

These Lands consist partly of sheep pasture and partly of arable lands, both excellent in their kind; and pleasantly situated on Moffat water, within three measured miles of the village of Moffat, where there is a ready market for the produce. They hold of the Marquis of Annandale for payment of a feu-duty of 11 s. 1 d. 4-12ths Sterling. The present free rent, payable by a good tenant, is 97 l. Sterling, which in all probability will rise considerably upon the expiration of the current lease at Whitsunday 1790. The teinds will be conveyed alongst with the lands.

These subjects march with the lands of Craigieburn, which are just now advertised for sale.—A purchaser may therefore, if he incline, have an opportunity of encreasing his property by these adjacent lands.

There is a good modern Dwelling-house of two stories on the premisses, with suitable offices.

For further particulars, apply to the proprietor at Scotstown, in Tweeddale, or to Mr James Campbell, writer in Edinburgh, who will shew the title-deeds and current lease; and Peter Tod at Holmhead, near Moffat, will shew the lands to persons intending to purchase.

SALE OF MOLLANCE,

Adjourned to Monday, June 19. 1786.

TO be SOLD, by public roup or auction, within the Old Exchange Coffee-house, Edinburgh, on Monday the 19th June 1786, betwixt the hours of five and six in the afternoon,

The Lands and Estate of MOLLANCE, with the teinds, lying in the parish of Crossmichael, and stewartry of Kirkcudbright, comprehending the following lands, viz. Mains of Mollance and pendicles, Erne-Annady, and Flat Moor of Moat Park, Chaplerne, Dubbydale, Halferne and pendicles, Upper Ironambry, Upper Clarebrand, Nether Clarebrand and pendicles, Garrington, Blackerne and pendicles, Little Dryburgh, Dunjarg, Meikle Dryburgh, Hillowtown and pendicles, and Chapmantown and pendicles, containing in whole above 2336 acres Scots statute measure: and the free rental whereof, after all legal deductions, is 1144 l. 17 s. 9½ d.

This estate is situated within twelve miles of Kirkcudbright, on the great military road to Ireland. The house is modern, large, and commodious, and, with a complete set offices, is in the very best repair.—There is an excellent pigeon cot, and fish-ponds well stocked with carp, tench, and perch, with salmon, trout, and perch fishing in the river Orr and lochs adjacent. The situation is fine, commanding very extensive prospects of the adjacent country, which is remarkably pleasant and well cultivated, and plenty of game in it. There is about 50 acres of wood in the policy, part of which is full grown, and part lately planted, and all in a most thriving condition, which, with the wood upon other parts of the estate, is estimated at above 500 l. Ster.

The fertility of these lands is too well known to need description, and they are occupied by a set of as wealthy, industrious, and intelligent tenants as any in that country; and the uncommon punctuality with which the rents are paid is the best proof of the lands being set at moderate rents. They are capable of great improvement, by means of shell-marl, of which there is great abundance within the lands and in the neighbourhood. Coal and lime are brought by water carriage, within four miles of the premisses, where also the produce of the lands may be exported. A lime quarry is also just opened in the neighbourhood.

The lands are all inclosed and subdivided, and the farm-steadings are all lately built, and in the best repair.

James Carter, overseer at Mollance, will shew the premisses. For further particulars apply to James Stormonth, writer in Edinburgh, or to the proprietor at Blackwood, by Dumfries.

To any person wishing to form a considerable interest in that part of the country, this estate must be a desirable object, as it affords eight undoubted qualifications for electors of a member of Parliament.

ARGYLE-SHIRE.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, in the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Thursday the 13th of July 1786, between the hours of five and six,

LOT I.

The two-merk land of Beachar, the four-merk land of Beachmeanach, Achaglass, the two-merk land of Clachaig, with the mill thereof, all lying within the parish of Killean, lordship of Kintyre, and shire of Argyle, extending to 183 l. 3 d. Sterling of yearly free rent. The high road from Inverary to Campbeltown passes through these lands. They hold of the Crown, and give two qualifications to vote for a Member of Parliament. Upset price to be 4000 l.

LOT II.

The Lands of Achachark and Garvachy, lying in the parish of Campbeltown and sheriffdom of Argyle. These lands consist of about 293 acres, mostly arable; lie within a mile of a lime quarry, at the same distance from the colliery of Drumlemmon, and within three miles of the burgh of Campbeltown, and extend to 103 l. 1 s. 5 d. of free rent. Upset price to be 2100 l.

The title-deeds, articles of roup, rentals, and current leases, are to be seen in the hands of James Ferrier writer to the signet, Edinburgh.

JUDICIAL SALE OF

KNOCKANDO AND CRAIGMILL.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, under the authority of the Court of Session, within the Parliament or New Session-house of Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 2d day of August next, betwixt the hours of four and six afternoon, in one, two, or three lots, as purchasers shall incline,

All and whole the Lands and Estate of KNOCKANDO and CRAIGMILL, and right by wadset to the superiority of COTTONHILL, all belonging to the late Captain Ludovick Grant of Knockando, and brought to sale at the instance of Elisabeth Grant, his eldest daughter, as apparent heir, with consent of her curators.

LOT I. The Lands of Knockando have a right of fishing salmon in the river Spey, and lie in the parish of Knockando and sheriffdom of Elgin and Forres, and the proven gross rent of them, as payable by the tenants, is

	L.	s.	d.	
	543	18	11	
As there is no heritable right produced to the teinds of these lands, a full fifth is, on that account, deducted from the gross rent; *inde*, L.	102	15	9	4-12ths
The feu-duty is also deducted,	1	11	4	8-12ths
	104	7	1	
The proven free rent is, L.	409	11	9	

Which being valued in the sale at twenty-five years purchase, the upset-price at which the lands are ordained to be exposed, is L. 10,239, 13 s. 9 d. Sterling.

Besides the above gross rent, the tenants pay the land-tax and school-salary, and perform various services, when required, not specially mentioned nor converted in the rental.

It will also occur to those intending to purchase, that although, in the sale, it is necessary, for want of an heritable right, to deduct a fifth for teind, the value of a perpetual right by tack, when ascertained according to the established rules, supposing they are Bishop's tithes, not saleable, is, in a comparative view with the deduction on that account from the rent, a very inconsiderable object, and that, if they are parsonage tithes, they can be purchased at six year's purchase of the free teind, after deducting king's annuity and minister's stipend, which last is, in this case, 19 l. 14 s. 5 d. 4-12ths in money, and 9 bolls of meal, at 8 stone per boll.

There is likewise a fine natural wood, of considerable extent, consisting chiefly of oak, birch, and allar. Besides this natural wood, there are two thriving plantations of firs, the one of them, at an average, about twenty years of age, and occupying about 100 acres, the other planted about the year 1774, neither of which woods, natural or planted, are valued in the sale; nor is any value put upon the salmon-fishing, although it produces sufficiency of fish, in the season, for the proprietor's own family, and might yield some rent, was he disposed to grant a lease of the fishing.

These lands lie upon the north side of the Spey, about ten computed miles from Elgin, and the same from Forres, the two county-towns. They are well accommodated, are capable of great improvement, and afford abundance of muir-game. According to a survey made some time ago, their contents are as follow:

	Scots Acres.
Arable Lands,	1168
Grass,	631
Under Wood,	177
Moss,	630
Muir and Heath Pasture,	2493
	5109

The mansion-house is neat and commodious, sufficient to accommodate a genteel family; and the offices are suitable to the house, and in the best order. The house is placed upon a rising ground, betwixt two rivulets or burns, which run into Spey in the view of it; and the grounds nigh the house are all covered with natural wood of various kinds, in a thriving state. The river Spey is in front of the house, and runs in view thereof for some distance, in a serpentine course.

The gardens are of considerable extent, and contain great variety of fruit-trees of the best kinds, which bear early and excellent fruit. The grounds around the house are laid out with taste, containing variety of trees and flowering shrubs, and having serpentine walks through them, and along the burns on each side for a considerable space. The conveniencies about this place are great, and the situation truly healthy and beautiful.

The lands hold of the Crown, and the valued rent of them is 6281 l. 3 s. 10 d. Scots, which considerably exceeds the sum required for a freehold-qualification in the county.

LOT II. The lands of Craigmill lie in the parish of Dallas, and county aforesaid; they hold of a subject-superior, for payment of a feu-duty of 8 s. 4 d. Scots. There is an heritable right produced to the teinds of these lands, and the proven free rent, after deducting feu-duty, stipend, and school salary, is 159 l. 4 s. 2 d. 1 12th Sterling, which being valued at twenty-five years purchase, the upset price at which the lands are ordained to be exposed, is 3980 l. 4 s. 4 d. 1-12th Sterling.

These lands lie within four miles of the town of Forres, and about seven from Findhorn, a sea-port town. They are well accommodated with fuel, and every other necessary; afford also plenty of muir-game, and are capable of great improvement.

LOT III. The lands of Cottonhill lie in the parish of Belly, lordship of Enzie, and county of Banff, and hold of the Crown; but as they were disponed in wadset to the said deceased Captain Ludovick Grant, by his Grace Alexander Duke of Gordon, redeemable by his Grace, or his heirs, at Whitsunday 1776, or at any after term, for payment of 20 l. Scots, they are valued at no more in the sale, and are ordained to be exposed at that sum, being 1 l. 13 s. 4 d. Sterling.

The articles of roup are to be seen in the office of Mr Thomas Bruce, depute-clerk of Session; and a copy of these articles, with the rental, title-deeds, and measurement of the estate, may be seen, and any further information had, by applying to Alexander Grant writer, at Mr Isaac Grant's writer to the signet, Edinburgh.

Plans of Knockando and Craigmill, lie with Mr Daniel Cruickshank at Archieltown of Ballintomb, factor upon both estates, who will be ready at any time to shew the grounds of either estate.

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